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Contact Information

Welcome to the Ward 20 monthly report from your local officers PC 180 Chris Stecka and PC 333 Robert Wallace.

Below is the local contact email address for your local community team. This is not for reporting a crime but if you feel you require to contact your local community officer then the email address is the best way to do so.

Email – EastNeukLandwardCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

If you do not have access to the internet then you can call 101 and the call handler can send an email on your behalf.

Our Community Inspector is PI Murray Gibson 544, Insp Gibson has just recently come into this new posting in NEF and he has oversight of the entirety of NEF Community and CIU.

The Community Sergeant is PS Matthew Spencer 1079, Sgt Spencer covers Tay Bridgehead, St. Andrews as well as East Neuk and Landward.

Please see the below images of PC's Stecka and Wallace as well as a brief Bio about our service and experience.





PC Stecka – Hello everyone my name is Chris, I joined Police Scotland at the age of 28 and I have 4 years and 9 months service.

I started my service in Cupar on Response Team 1 on October 2016, around May 2018 I was seconded to the Community Investigation Unit for NEF which involved reviewing trends in crime, identifying suspects, working alongside CID, developing local drug intelligence and acting upon same and various other tasks on a day by day basis.

I supported and led various high tariff cases from Tractor GPS Thefts spreading across into England to the apprehension of a serial offender targeting NHS staff.

In January 2019 I was working alongside Team 2 Response in Cupar for a short period before taking on the Community Officer Role for East Neuk and Landward in March 2019.

My time in the Community role has been exciting and rewarding, working alongside Councillors, Community Secretaries, the Fife Council Housing Officers and trying to build the relationship with the communities of the Neuk.

I currently have Specialist Training in Public Order and Method of Entry and I am currently within the CID 'Pool', this is effectively a pool of people who have completed all the necessary procedures to become a part of the CID and are awaiting a position in Fife.

PC Robert Wallace 333



PC Wallace – Hello everyone my name is Robert, I joined Police Scotland at the age of 42 and have 4 years and 1 month service.

I began my service working as a response officer, working with Team 3 St Andrews and then more recently I moved to the Community Team working in St Andrews and more recently the East Neuk.

The Community role is extremely rewarding with no two days the same. Working with partner agencies and assisting local members of the community is probably the most rewarding part of the role.

Brief Summary of Actions Taken In The Community

Since the commencement of our role PC Wallace and I have delivered some really good results with Speed Site Enforcement between March 2019 and March 2020, carrying out 120-140 speed sites, issued over 200 warnings issued, 40 FPN's issued and 10 drivers reported to the PF.

We have executed various Misuse of Drugs Act Warrants and supported various other departments from CID to Public Order.

At this moment in time PC Wallace and I are supporting our St. Andrews Colleagues with the development of major intelligence in respect of the Misuse of Drugs.

Local Initiatives

As Covid-19 Restrictions have started to lift PC Wallace and I have now commenced Speed Site Enforcement as of last Friday again across the East Neuk and Landward.

Since Friday PC Wallace and I have carried out 11 Speed Sites resulting in 45x Warnings issued, 3x FPN issued and 2x Reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Community Speedwatch

The Speedwatch initiative has been on hold due to Covid-19 however officers can confirm that all the volunteers that started the process have been vetted and are now able to work alongside Police Scotland for the next three years.

PC Stecka will make contact with the current volunteers within the CSW and the final training required will aim to be completed by end of May 2021 in a bid to get the CSW out for the main bulk of Summer 2021.

Targeted Operations



Take 5 Campaign

The above is a targeted operation which aims to make the community aware of what actions to take when it comes to potential fraudulent phone calls, internet banking, online 'Cryptocurrency' gathering like that of Bitcoin or even in person attendance/bogus workmen.

Criminals are experts at impersonating people, organizations and the police. They spend hours researching you for their scams, hoping you'll let your guard down for just a moment.

Stop and think. It could protect you and your money.

Where possible please provide your communities with the following link https://www.scotland.police.uk/takefive which takes you directly to the website for further information.

Substance Misuse

PC's Stecka and Wallace would like to actively encourage the community to make contact with the Police, either through Local Councillors, 101 or even Crimestoppers to report drug activity in the East Neuk and Landward.

Numerous warrants have been executed in the East Neuk in the last year as a result of the community engagement received and intelligence picture developed, there was also the seizure of a vehicle and the removal of another from one of the villages.

During March 2021 PC Stecka also led another execution of a Drugs Warrant in the Anstruther area resulting in a person being reported for the Production of Controlled Drugs and Possession.

As you could imagine with the current restrictions officers were required to wear full PPE including Face Masks, Gloves and other essential PPE for protection from potential Covid-19 transmission.

Off-Road Bikes

Investigations continue in respect of the issues along the coast surrounding these bikes, further incidents have been reported of sightings including that of what can only be described as a "Dune Buggy".

There is consideration being given to a potential Local Day of Action targeting these particular sites.

Corona Virus Legislation and Guidance

The Scottish Government has now started to ease restrictions in certain aspects and full information can be found on their website.

We appreciate reports in respect of Covid-19 breaches are still coming in and that there may be frustration surrounding not being provided with much information around the outcome of any investigations.

All we can say is that any breach of Covid-19 that is reported is investigated thoroughly and the relevant, proportionate and necessary action is taken in line with Police Scotland's Engage, Explain, Encourage and Enforce Police.

Calls Received (up to end of 28/04/2021)

A reminder to adhere to the Covid-19 Guidelines in order to stay safe and to report any potential breaches of Covid-19 so these can be investigated by Police at the earliest opportunity.

In total 1190 calls have been received in the North East Fife Area. This breaks down in the East Neuk with 180 calls in total as follows:

Area 20A As a whole received 81 Calls.

Crail

Officers are well aware of recent issues with youths attending and gaining entry to the Crail Community Hall. The hall has been added to a local Community Patrol Matrix for passing attention.

Officers have also been made aware of issues with fencing in the Roome Bay area and issues with broken glass being found within the grounds of the Primary School Park.

These areas will also be added to the Patrol Matrix for passing attention.

47 Calls to the police, consisting of various nature, Concern for persons, assist members of the public, medical matters and various other calls. 8 crimes recorded in this period.

Dunino & Boarhills

PC's Stecka and Wallace have been conducting speed checks on the B9131 Beley Bridge. As a result of this 2 drivers were warned and 1 driver has been reported to the PF.

8 calls to the police.

0 crimes recorded in this period.

Kingsbarns

Issues with speeding motorist's using Back Stile down towards the beach have been raised to officers and will be closely monitored in the coming weeks/months via the use of Speed Sites.

9 calls to the police, consisting of various Road Traffic related calls, assist members of the public and a concern for person.

0 crime recorded in this period.

Largoward

A reminder for any local issues please either contact 101 or use the email address provided in this newsletter to get information to your local Community Officers.

6 calls to the police, consisting of a house breaking, an intruder alarm and assist member of the public.

1 crime recorded in this period.

Radernie

6 calls to Police in relation to road traffic incidents.

1 crimes recorded.

Kilrenny

PC's Stecka and Wallace have been conducting speed checks in the area, as a result 27 drivers being warned and 1 driver reported to the PF.

Calls to Kilrenny have been totalled within the Anstruther area however there had been 3 calls to Police of very minor nature.

0 crimes recorded in this period.

Peat Inn

3 call to the police in this period.

0 crimes recorded.

Carnbee

1 calls to police in this period.

0 crimes recorded.

Area 20B As a whole received 45 Calls.

Abercrombie

2 call to the police.

0 crime was recorded in this period.

Colinsburgh

PC's Stecka and Wallace have been conducting speed checks in the area, as a result 2 drivers received a fixed penalty notice and 1 driver was reported to the PF.

6 calls to the police, consisting various types including 999 calls, road traffic matter, alarms and police information.

2 crimes was recorded in this period.

Elie/Earlsferry

11 calls to the police, consisting of various types including 999 calls, COVID breach, missing persons, found property and road traffic collisions.

1 crime recorded in this period.

Kilconguhar

2 calls to the police in this period.

0 crime recorded in this period.

St Monans

PC's Stecka and Wallace have been conducting speed checks in the area, as a result 10 drivers received a warning and 1 driver received a fixed penalty notice.

24 calls to the police, consisting of various types including noise complaints, road traffic matters, intruder alarms and 999 calls.

1 crime recorded in this period.

Area 20C As a whole received 80 Calls.

Anstruther

42 calls to the police, consisting of various types including COVID breach, assist members of the public, concern for persons, 999 calls and road traffic matters. Within these calls 6 crimes were recorded.

Cellardyke

13 calls to the police, consisting of various types including road traffic matter, concern for persons and assist members of the public. These calls are accounted for in the Anstruther figure.

Within these 1 crime was recorded

Pittenweem

PC's Stecka and Wallace have been conducting speed checks in the area, as a result 7 drivers received a warning.

38 calls to the police, consisting of various types including assist members of the public, road traffic matters, neighbour dispute, 999 calls and others. Within these 4 crime was recorded.